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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TO BE PASSED TO THE HON.
JAMES CARTER, PRESIDENT ELECT, PLAINS, GA.

1. I HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER:

"DISCUSSIONS WITH FOUR NATIONALIST LEADERS, IVOR RICHARD, RHODESIANS, SALIM SALIM, BILL SCHAUFEELE, AND COMMONWEALTH REPRESENTATIVE LED TO CONCLUSION THAT IMMEDIATE AND FIRM U.S. INTERVENTION DIRECTLY AND IN CONCERT WITH UK AND SAG NECESSARY TO OBTAIN RHODESIAN COMPLIANCE WITH INDEPENDENCE DATE TARGET OF 12 TO 15 MONTHS. NATIONALISTS BELIEVE THEY HAVE MADE ENOUGH CONCESSIONS AND VIEW ACCORD ON THIS QUESTION, AS DO I, CRITICAL SIGNAL OF SERIOUSNESS OF RHODESIAN INTENTION. SECRETARY TO RHODESIAN CABINET GAYLORD STATED TO ME PREFERENCE FOR LEAVING DRAMATIC NEGOTIATIONS OF GENEVA FOR QUIET DISCUSSIONS IN RHODESIA REAFFIRMING MY SUSPICIONS OF SMITH'S GENUINENESS. PRESENT STALEMATE WILL LEAD TO BREAKDOWN IF ACCORD NOT REACHED ON INDEPENDENCE DATE BY END OF NEXT WEEK.

IMPORTANT THAT NO POST-ELECTION VACUUM OR LACK OF CONTINUITY IN U.S. POLICY BE PERCEIVED BY ANY OF INTERESTED PARTIES PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF BRITISH LABOR PARTY ELECTORAL REVERSALS. ALSO REPORTING SAME EVALUATION TO PRESIDENT ELECT."

2. OTHER REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED DURING COURSE OF CURRENT AFRICAN STUDY MISSION.

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